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Dear Paul,

Several weeks ago you raised the question of a study on the organization of the Archive, meaning not only the Commission's CDs, but everything. We now know, for example, that there is a post-Commission set of files.

I now think I may have located three of four college students who may undertake this for us. If it is better that one only dow this study, it is possible the others could undertake other searches. They are all from a local college, and transportation for one would also, at no extra cost, provide transportation for others.

So, I am writing to ask you to outline for me exactly what you would like done. It is even possible they might get credit for it, because I am making the arrangements through their professor. As youxwill realize, there people have no knowledge of the subject.

I am meeting with their professor Monday. Afterward he will talk to them, or perhaps they will all get together here with me in the near future. He is of the opinion three or four have the capacity to do a good job and the interest. xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Do you know of any searching ununformed but intelligent and dedicated young people could do for us there? Think about it. If you have any immediate suggestions, let me have them. If we can organize it, there may be some worthwhile things accomplished.

After I meet these people, I'll have a better idea. But I think no matter how bright, their lack of specific knowledge will limit what we can expect them to detect in the CDs and staff papers. On the other hand, we might be able to get them to make an inventory of the staff papers and the other files of which we have no knowledge. How nice it would be to give the government, for the use of everyone, what they have not done and should!

The Bradley visit was pleasant and perhaps constructive. As you know, I never had any reason to believe he was involved in anything. I believe you also indicated this to me. Having seen him, I am confident he is not the man in the tramp pictures. I think he will be sending us what we will want - I do- for the rounding out of our files, data on the people who contrived all this. Some are Minutemen, convicted bombers, etc., real violent type so far to the right his is "red" to them. As a consequence of our meeting, I think it unlikely he will sue some of those he has served, including Penn and the San Diego people. There is no doubt in my mind Mark twisted and deliberately misinterpreted what he said he "intercepted". B seems to be without bitterness toward most of us, to be in accord with our overall belief, and may yet be helpful in some ways. Because of the rampant paranoia, I suggest you communicate this to but Hal and Jim, asking them to repeat it to no one. What Lifton is doing now is bad enough.

Sincerely,